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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of January 11, 2007, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on April 11, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action together with consideration and allowance of all the claims pending herein, in due course.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.